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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FROM THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. Serious Illness of Rebel Vice President-A Fight Probably in East Tennessee-Poto-

ring the winter, creates serious apprehensions.

RUSSELLVILLE, Jan. 19 - A reconnoitering party of the enemy drove in our cavalry pickets and were in turn driven back. Both parties. new occupy their original positions. Brisk ar-tillery firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Jonesville. It is supposed that the enemy had attacked Gen. W. E. Jones.

have recently moved their pickets to Robinson's river, advancing two miles. The safe whenever married

Important Statement of a Former Resident NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The Post says a gentleman, who has spent several years in Macon. Ga., recently reached Newark. He declares the rebellion an utter failure. Even the leaders see that succes is out of the question, while the common people would hail with delight the restcration of Federal authority. One of the principal bankers of Macon told him, "our only hope now is that the Federal army will deliver us from our troubles, for without that intervention we must perish." The utmost destitution prevails everywhere. The conscription is being enforced with pitiless energy, including even gray haired men. Slavery, he says, is dead, and this is admitted by nine-tenths of the Southern people. Three years ago the same man wrote letters asservating in strong terms the South could not be subdued; now

An Examining Surgeon Court Martial. New York, Jan. 26.-The court-martial ordered by Gen. Dix, and which was organized yesterday at the police headquarters, continued its session to-day. The case of J. A. Kerrigan, on examining surgeon for the Spinola brigade, was commenced yesterday, Hon. John McKeon acting as counsel for the accused, who is tharged with passing men physically disqualified into the service, and with enlisting a sailor belonging to the French navy.

The Holmes' Hole Murder.

Boston, Jan. 24.-The preliminary exami- ceived nothing. dala crustavas D. Smith, arrested

NORFOLK, Jan. 26 .- Major Burroughs, the guerrilla chief captured some time since, was shot by the guard last night while attempting to escape from the pest-house, where he was being treated for small-pox.

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and inserting the words " shall be censured." Mr. Howard then proceeded to address the Senate, and was followed by Mr. Johnson, of Md.; after which the Senate adjourned. House .- After our report closed-Ine House resolved itself into a Committee

ending June 30, 1864. shall be expended for the Capitol and Treasury extension than may be necessary to protect said buildings from injury.

consideration of the Navy appropriation bill, pay seamen in gold or its equivalent. Some debate ensued, and without further proceedings the Committee rose, and the House

LOCAL NEWS.

ment was sent to the Common Council on

The Chief again urges the necessity of the immediate erection of a fire-alarm telegraph and the purchase of steam fire engines, and states that the fire on the 11th instant, on Capitel Hill, fully proved the necessity of steam engines on the high grounds of the city; besides it is impossible to get men to work hand engines. The same fire proved the necessity for the erection of a fire-alarm telegraph, as it was quite if not more than fifteen minutes after the fire was discovered before the alarm bell of the Columbia was rung, although the engine house was but three squares from the fire and a police station midway between the engine house and fire. It was half an hour before the alarm became general, if it ever became so, as only five of the eight companies were on the ground alarms; four false and eight actual fires, as follows: The first at six p. m. on the 1st inst., in the house owned by Daniel Kealy and occu-pied by Mrs. Clum, on Virginia avenue, between 8th and 9th streets east, caused from a burning chimney-damage slight; on the morning of the 11th inst., in the frame stable at the southeast corner of 3d street east and Pennsylvania avenue, which spread to the two-story dwelling of Mrs. Devlin and six similar dwellings owned by Dr. Bates, involving a total loss of about \$6,000, on which Dr. Bates was insured for

on Maryland avenue, destroying a small quantity of hay belonging to the United States Government. The false alarms were all caused by the ringing of church bells, which are the cause of nearly all alarms, owing to our not having a proper system of alarms. The fire bells should be hung stationary, and rung quickthe direction of the fire from the engine-house

fires; 41 of which required the services of some portion of the department; 5 were from bon-fires, 8 from burning chimneys, 21 were false, 2 from fireworks, 5 from fires beyond the city, 1 from a tar-pot, 1 from a tar barrel, and 1 from lime-kilns. The loss of property amounted to \$131,212.25; amount of insurance on buildings, \$140,300; amount paid by the insurance com panies, \$61,207.25; showing a saving of \$79,-092.75 to the insurance companies. The loss to our own citizens above insurance was \$56,005, our own citizens above insurance was \$56,005, as \$15,000 was Government property. Of these fires 23 were incendiary; 6 supposed incendiary, and 7 unknown, making 38 which could be set down showing that more than one-half were the work of incendiaries. There has been were the work of incendiaries. There has been but one fire of any note at which the chief or assistant ergineer was not present as prompt as possible. The companies have also been prompt. The chief has been out to 26 alarms and 54 actual fires: the assistant to 28 alarms and 59 fires; the Columbia has been out 79 times and in service 20 times; the Union out 46 times and in service 7; the Anacostia 82 times and 12 times in service; the Franklin 103 times, in service 27 times; the Perseverance 101 times, in service 27 times; the Western Hose 45 times, in

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mac Army's (Union) Pickets Advanced two Miles—No Later News from Charleston. FORTRESS MONROE, Jan. 26. The Richmond Enquirer, of January 19, says:

Mr. Hidell, secretary of the Vice Presdent, received a dispatch yesterday from Augusta, announcing the sudden and serious illness of Mr. Stephens at his home, Crawfordsville, Ga. He was attacked on Sunday worning. This attack, with the known state of his health du-

From East Tennessee.

From Northern Virginia. ORANGE COURT HOUSE, Jan. 18 .- The enemy The papers contain not a word from Charles-

he declares its only hope is in the Northern ar-

can charge of the murder of Mr. Luce at Holmes' Hole, resulted to-day in holding the accused for trial. Smith is a retired sea captain, of good reputation among his neighbors, and the vidence against him, though deemed sufficient to carry the case to a higher court, was simply circumstantial. A Rebel Prisoner Shot whilst Attempting

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE. - After our report closed yesterday -The resolution for the expulsion of Mr. Davis

was taken up.
Mr. Howard offered an amendment to the resolution by striking out the word "expelled"

of Whole on the state of the Union, and resumed the consideration of the bill to supply deficiencies in the expenditures of the year Mr Kernan offered an amendment (which was adopted) providing that no more money

The bill was laid aside to be reported to the House, and the Committee proceeded to the Mr. J. C. Allen submitted an amendment to

THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT .- The twelfth monthly report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Depart.

Monday night. The apparatus is in about the same condition as last reported, with the exception that the Western Hose has received 500 feet of new house, and an appropriation is asked to purchase the same amount for each engine com-

Since the last report there has been eight \$2,700 in the Mutual Company—cause incen. diarism; on the 15th inst., at half past eleven p. m., which destroyed a small frame dwelling owned and occupied by a Mrs. Shea, on 20th street, between K and L-loss about \$200, cause incendisrism; on the 16th inst, at four p. m.,

giving the alarm to be struck at least ten minutes after the alarm becomes general.

During the year ending December 20th there were 121 alarms, of which 73 were for actual

Ladder 58 times, in service 19 times: the American Hook and Ladder 48 times, in service 9 [ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.]

The whole department has never been in service at one fire during the year, though there has been several fires, where every piece of apparatus and every man was needed, but there has not been more than ten fires where half the department was needed, and he thinks that where it was necessary to depend upon hand engines the property has been entirely destroyed, except where it was saved by the Government steam engines, and there are places where, if a fire takes place, and by ac-cident the Government steam fails to get these cident the Government steam fails to get there, there will be thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed. He urges the Councils to do something.

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There was appropriated last year \$22,969,25 for the department.

In conclusion, the Chief says, "I suppose you are tired of hearing it, but I will never tre in a tood work, so I will end by saying give us the fire telegraph, steam fire engines, and fire plugs, where there is water mains and reservoirs where there are no mains, and try es, and if our fire department is not efficient then make an out and out paid department,

CHARGE OF SWINDLING .- Yesterday morning, officers Watts and Lynch, of the Fourth Ward, arrested B. F. Jeffers, R. L. Jeffers and Martin Johnson, on the charge of cheating J. H. Shannea out of \$250. The case was heard before Justice Giberson.
J. H. Shannon testified that on Monday B.

which, in my humble opinion, is the true sys-

Jeffers called upon him to go to his room in the National Hotel, and play a social game of poker; quarter dollar ante. Witness went to Jeffers room and waited for him. When he came in he introduced Mr. Johnson, witness understood his name as Taylor. Johnson was introduced as a contracter for hay, and no sportsman. The game opened; witness did not deal, though the others say he did. There were four jacks in witness's hand, and Johnson held four queens. The amount bet went up to \$250; and Johnson said he did not have the money. The younger Jeffers went out and returned saying that the clerk said Johnson had money in the safe but the clerk who had the key was out, and he could not get it. Young Jeffers went out again and returned with a 5.20 tond with the coupons attached, and R. L. Jeffers loaned him enough money to make up the amount, and Johnson won. While witness and Johnson played, B. F. Jeffers represented that he was ill, and went out. Witness suspected that there was cheating going on, and proposed to Johnson to take \$.00 and call it square. Johnson said if it all was not on the square he would not take a cent. R. L. Jeffers said, "No, don't give him a d-d cent." Johnson appeared to agree to refund the money, but Jeffers objected. Witness stays at U. S. Hotel Jeffers' room is at the National. On a former occasion witness went with a Colonel to Jeffers' room. The Colonel lost \$40, and witness loaned him the money to pay, and re-

Henry Lee, clerk at National, testified that no one inquired of him last night about Johnson having money. Some one inquired, about Mr. Taylor's. Witness never gave a memorandum to the effect that Taylor had money.

The parties are all strangers in Washington, and appear to be Western men! Mr. Davis appeared for the prosecution and S. S. Williams for defence. Justice Giberson held the parties in \$500 bail each, to appear at

ORPHANS' COURT-Judge Purcell .- Yester . day, letters of administration were issued to Elizabeth L. M. Boucher and John J. Begue, on the estate of Theodore F. Boucher. Miss Annie S. Coyle was appointed guardian

to Andrew Coyle, orphan to the late Andrew The will of the late Wm. J. Kendrick, bequeathing his entire estate, consisting of two houses on Twelfth street, household stock. leasehold, stock in trade, and seventeen hundred dollars in bank, to his wife, who he desired to make a liberal donation to such charities as the executor nominated, P. J. McCarthy,

may suggest, was fully proven. In the motion of the petition of Josiah Simp-son, guardian to Ann Elizabeth and Mary Ann Parnes, a decree subject to the approval of the Supreme Court of the District was passed, authorizing him to sell certain real estate. Letters of administration were granted to Mrs. Martha E. Gray, on the estate of Henry

W. Gray. MISSIONARY MEETING .- The missionary ser vices on Sunday at Dunbarton street church Georgetown, of which Rev. W. H. Chapman is pastor, attracted large audiences. Rev. H. J. Fox, of New York city, preached in the morning an able discourse to a large congregation. At 3 p. m. the Sabbath school anniversary was held, when addresses were delivered by Hon. M. F. Odell, of New York, Hon. Hiram Price, and Robert A. West, Esq., late of the Chronicle. The anniversary proper was held at 7% p. m., when Hon. G. P. Fisher, of the District Supreme Court, presided, and stirring and effective speeches were made by Hon, Senators Harlan, of Iowa, and Willey, of Virginia, and Rev. H. J. Fox. The pastor an-

nounced the collections taken up to amount to

about \$800. PORT OF GEORGETOWN .- Entered .- Schr. E. T. Twisden, Chase, from Boston; schr. Fish, Fountain, from New York. Cleared-Schr R. Thompson, Shorp, for Philadelphia; steam tag, T. B. Hutchins, McCarthy, do ; sloop H. Day, Jones, for Coroman; schr. L. W. Pierce, Loring; for Baltimore; schr. Active, Simmons, for Congro river; schr. Mazell, Mazell, for Balti-more; sloop Nile, Murford, for Baltimore; schr. Woodruff Sims, Harris, for Philadelphia sloop G. Washington, Beatley, for St. Mary's; schr. Cranmer, Cranmer, for New York; schr. Fish Fountain, for Portsmouth; sloop S. L Boom, Vallandigham, for Anna Messix; schr. 1ra Bliss, Bragg, for Baltimore; barge Louiss, Mar, for Occoquan bay; str. Haze, Pennington, for New York; schr. Sardinian, Rumball, for Baltimore; schr. Cherub, Holmes, for Philadelphia;

ALMOST A RIOT .- Monday atternoon a difficulty occurred on 4% street, between N and O streets south, between a number of soldiers and Pheny Goldsmith, John Mortimor and Emanuel Branson, well known in Pear Tree Alley, about a keg of lager. The first named struck two soldiers, Clark and Gibson, whom he beat badly with a mallet. The parties ran off, but about twenty soldiers pursued them and overtook them, when a general fight took place, but fortunately Officer Maxwell came up, and after some trouble quieted down the party and took the citizens to the guardhouse. and this morning Justice Boswell postponed judgment temporarily.

schr. Isaac Cohen Hertz, Spear, for Baltimore

AN OUTRAGE .- Monday night, about 11 o'clk, a party of about fifteen invalid soldiers, in passing the house of Mr. Wiley, on D street south, between 4th and 5th east, stopped as Mr. Wiley's caughter was standing at the door in company with Messrs. James Gates and James Emmerson, and one of them extended his hands and used some very indecent language, when Mr. Gates asked what he meant, and the soldier struck him, and drove the young men in the house, and completely smashed the door in, and cut the arm of Emmerson badly, and retreated before the arrival of the officers

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF .- For some time past; some parties have been in the habit of running the carts of the Sixth Ward Scavenger (Saml. Armstead) from the place where they were kept near the camp of the 15th Engineers (Navy Yard) into a muchole, and Monday the parthes became known and the following were arrested by officer Harrison: Thomas Howell, George Shepherd, Wm. Lany, Chas. Lany, Jas. Latham, Thos. W. Goss and Chas. Naughton, all boys between 9 and 12 years of age. Justice. Cull dismissed them on promise to do so no more.

THE CONTRABAND LABORERS .- The contrabands employed about the hospitals in keeping! bands employed about the hospitals in keeping the premises clean, &c., and the gangs attending to night work and the removal of dead horses now under the charge of Capt. Krause, number about three hundred—the scavenger and dead horse gangs numbering about fifty. Lately a new camphas been established on lith street (Navy Yard) in addition to the old camp on 13th street and Vermont Avenue.

WHISKEY.—Late yesterday evening a small beat, in charge of a Government detective from Maryland, put into the wharf with a cargo consisting of six kegs of whiskey and two bags of coffee, which were found secreted in a barn near Beyan's Point during the ice blockade of the river. The owner is supposed to have been waiting an opportunity to run the articles into this State. The cargo was this morning taken to Washington under the charge of the chief detective here.—Alexandria Journal, 26th.

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